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SUBJECT: MULTINATIONAL ASIAN APPEAL FOR PEACE IN CAMBODIA

REF: A. BANGKOK 14286; B. BANGKOK 13428 (NOTAL); C. TOKYO 11781;

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1. IN A SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING WITH ASA SARASIN, SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE THAI-PROPOSED ASEAN DECLARATION ON CAMBODIA. ASA REPLIED THAT THE RTG HOPED TO REWORK IT IN MEETINGS WITH ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE UNGA SESSION IN NEW YORK. HE STATED THAT THE ORIGINAL THAI DRAFT (REFTEL B) WOULD HAVE TO BE MODIFIED TO CALL FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF "FOREIGN TROOPS" FROM CAMBODIAN TERRITORY RATHER THAN SPECIFICALLY NAMING THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. MALAYSIA, HE SAID, NOW HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE DRV AND THEREFORE WAS NOT WILLING
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TO SUPPORT THE STRONG WORDING OF THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED STATEMENT. ASA ALSO SAID THAT INDONESIA PREFERRED A BLANDER DECLARATION THAN WHAT THE THAI HAD DRAFTED.

2. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED WHETHER JAPAN MIGHT BE ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH THE APPEAL. ASA REPLIED THAT NOT ONLY JAPAN, BUT OTHER ASIAN NATIONS LIKE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WERE ALSO INTERESTED. ASA ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD PUT PRESSURE ON JAPAN TO STIMULATE SUCH A DECLARATION. THE REPLY WAS "NO." THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THOUGHT THE DECLARATION WAS AN EXCELLENT IDEA, BUT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS DID NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN IT.

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